

REMARKS

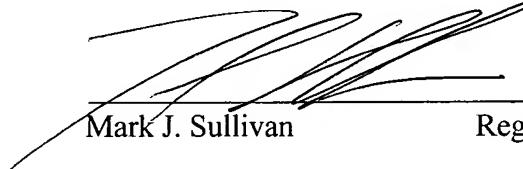
Claims 1-18 are pending in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claim 3 was amended in this Second Supplemental Amendment to return this claim to its original form. Applicants made a typographical error regarding the upper bound of the range for carbon black in the previously submitted Supplemental Amendment and Amendment, and are merely correcting that error. No new matter is added by this claim amendment so that its entry at this time is warranted.

CONCLUSIONS

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicants respectfully request a telephonic or in-person interview with the undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues and to expedite the eventual allowance of the claims.

No fees are believed to be required for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge those fees to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP deposit account no. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,


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